DMU-AHRS: Attitude & Heading Reference System

X, Y, Z Acceleration Roll, Pitch, Yaw Angular Rate 3-Axis Magnetic Sensors Dynamic Roll, Pitch & Heading Angle Output

The DMU-AHRS is an intelligent directional gyro for roll, pitch and heading angle measurement in dynamic environments. The DMU-AHRS is also a nine axis measurement system that outputs accurate acceleration, angular rates and magnetic orientation. The DMU-AHRS uses the latest in solid state sensor technology resulting in superior performance, reliability, and stability over time and operating environments. The digital and analog outputs of of the nine sensors are formatted for easy system integration. Example applications include augmented GPS navigation, dynamic positioning, and automotive testing. The digital and analog outputs of dynamic pitch and roll are ideal for camera and platform stabilization.

The technology used in the DMU-AHRS is a combination of silicon MEMS accelerometers and Corioliseffect angular rate sensors, state-of-the-art magnetometers, and high-performance, digital signal processing. The magnetometers generate extremely



accurate outputs in three different axes

of orientation. Complex algorithms are integrated within Crossbow's patented SoftSensor embedded firmware, which provide stabilized roll, pitch, and heading angle information to within one degree of accuracy.

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Each DMU-AHRS shipment comes complete with a DMU User's Manual offering helpful hints on programming, installation, and product information. In addition, Crossbow's X-View software is included to assist you in your system development, evaluation efforts, and allows you to perform data acquisition.

DMU Products	Description	Output		
DMU-6X	Direct digital voltage and signal conditioned analog outputs. Also outputs cali- brated engineering units.	XYZ Acceleration 3 Axis Angular Rate		
DMU-VGX	Tilt angle (roll/pitch) is com- puted6X outputs also included.	Roll & Pitch XYZ Acceleration 3 Axis Angular Rate		
DMU-AHRS	XYZ Acceleration,3 Axis Angular Rate, 3 Axis Magnetometer	Roll, Pitch, Heading XYZ Acceleration 3 Axis Angular Rate		
DMU-FOG	High accuracy tilt angle (roll/pitch) is computed6 outputs also included.	Roll & Pitch XYZ Acceleration 3 Axis Angular Rate		
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Table 1. Description of DMU Products



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DMU-AHRS S	Specifica	tions		Angle Mode 16 bit 2's complement	Scaled Sensor 16 bit 2's complement	Voltage Mode 12 bit, unsigned
Performance Roll, Pitch and Heading Angle: Dynamic Accuracy Repeatability Full Scale Span (analog outputs) Roll, Pitch Angle Range Heading Angle Range	±1° ±0.5° ± 4.096 VDC ±90° ±180°	Application Dependent Typical	0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Header (0xFF) Roll (MSB) Roll (LSB) Pitch (MSB) Pitch (LSB) Heading (MSB) Heading (LSB) Poll Pate (MSB)	Header (0xFF) Angular Rate X (MSB) Angular Rate X (LSB) Angular Rate Y (MSB) Angular Rate Y (LSB) Angular Rate Z (MSB) Angular Rate Z (LSB)	Header (0xFF) Gyro Raw Voltage X (MSB) Gyro Raw Voltage X (LSB) Gyro Raw Voltage Y (MSB) Gyro Raw Voltage Z (LSB) Gyro Raw Voltage Z (LSB) Accelerameter Voltage X (MSB)
Bandwidth Linearity Power	10 Hz <1%		7 8 9 10 11	Roll Rate (MSB) Roll Rate (LSB) Pitch Rate (MSB) Pitch Rate (LSB) Yaw Rate (MSB)	Acceleration X (USB) Acceleration X (LSB) Acceleration Y (MSB) Acceleration Y (LSB) Acceleration Z (MSB)	Accelerometer Voltage X (MSB) Accelerometer Voltage X (LSB) Accelerometer Voltage Y (MSB) Accelerometer Voltage Y (LSB) Accelerometer Voltage Z (MSB)
Input Supply Voltage Input Supply Current	14.5 V - 30 V 275 mA		12 13 14	Yaw Rate (LSB) Accel X (MSB) Accel X (LSB)	Acceleration Z (LSB) Mag Field X (MSB) Mag Field X (LSB) Mag Field X (MSB)	Accelerometer Voltage Z (LSB) Magnetometer Voltage X (MSB) Magnetometer Voltage X (LSB)
Operating Temperature Range Storage Temperature Range Package Weight Mechanical Shock Vibration	-40 to 85°C -55 to 85° C Aluminum housing 1.25 lb. 1000 G 10 G RMS	(1 ms half sine wave)	16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23	Accel Y (LSB) Accel Z (MSB) Accel Z (LSB) Mag Field X (MSB) Mag Field X (LSB) Mag Field Y (LSB) Mag Field Y (LSB) Mag Field Z (MSB)	Mag Field Y (MSB) Mag Field Z (LSB) Mag Field Z (MSB) Temp (MSB) Temp (LSB) Time (MSB) Time (LSB) Checksum	Magnetometer Voltage Y (MSB) Magnetometer Voltage Y (LSB) Magnetometer Voltage Z (MSB) Magnetometer Voltage (MSB) Temp Sensor Voltage (MSB) Temp Sensor Voltage (LSB) Time (MSB) Time (LSB) Checksum
Digital Data Output Rate Voltage Mode Scaled Sensor Mode Angle Mode	166 Hz 156 Hz 100 Hz		24 21 22 23 24 25	Mag Field Z (LSB) Temp (MSB) Temp (LSB) Time (MSB) Time (LSB) Checksum		
Analog Data Update Rate 200 Hz Minimum				Data Packet Format (v1.2)		

Development Software

Crossbow's X-View software is shipped with DMU products for use on PC's running MS Windows '95 & '98. X-View provides a convenient way to start system development, evaluate the performance of the DMU, and perform data acquisition. Download a free copy from our website.



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